## News Release

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## CLERK OF THE COURT MAKES IT EASY FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME TO FIND OUT IF THEY HAVE MONEY WAITING FOR THEM

Clerk of the Superior Court Michael K. Jeanes is announcing that his office has created a new on-line service that allows people and businesses to search the Clerk's Office website to see if the Office has any unclaimed money that is owed to them.

The new program, which is available on the Office's website at <a href="www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov">www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov</a> under "Unclaimed Property," is designed so users simply enter their name or the name of their business to see if the Clerk's Office has court-ordered restitution monies or assets belonging to them. If so, they can print and complete the two forms, and either fax the forms to 602-506-5127, or mail them to the Clerk of the Court's Criminal Financial Obligations Unit at 201 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

"Frequently, individual victims of crime who are owed restitution move without notifying the Clerk's Office of their new address," Jeanes said. "In cases where restitution is ordered to a business or government agency, it can be more complex. There may be multiple work sites within the organization and the employees who process that type of work may not be aware of the restitution. In all of these cases, their money is held by the Clerk's Office. Our Criminal Financial Obligations Unit does make significant efforts to locate these people. However, with this new interactive web program, it will increase and enhance our chances in locating those people who have money or assets owed to them."

Currently, the office has approximately \$650,000 of unclaimed monies and assets that it is holding for crime victims.

"It has always been our goal to get these monies to the victims as quickly as possible. I am proud that we are now able to provide access to this information," Jeanes said.